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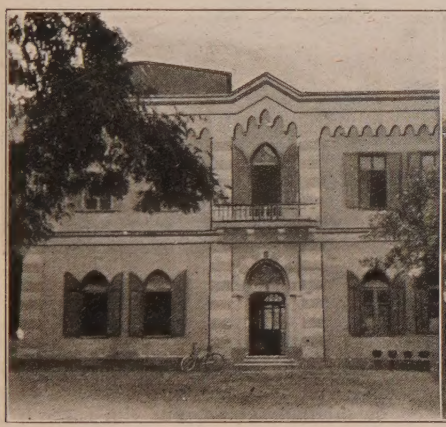
Lutherans in Mediterranean Ports

Cairo, Egypt

By Noah E. Yeiser

THERE is perhaps not a more cosmopolitan city in all the world than Cairo. Every nation of the earth seems to have representatives in this great capital city. The population of Cairo is 400,000. Of this large number several thousand are Germans and Lutherans. It was the great privilege and pleasure of the writer to visit the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, and there, after receiving much information about the work from Sister Elsie Brakebusch, to be introduced to Sister Mary Groof, from the hospital at Jerusalem. Of this I hope to write later. The hospital at Cairo is a branch of the Kaiserswerth Deaconess' work. It at once commands respect and esteem. The hospital is located in a convenient part of the city. With its large and clean rooms and consecrated attendants, it is reputed to be an ideal place for the sick. In the last year under review 856 patients were treated, with 55 beds occupied constantly. The patients were: Protestant, 209; Mohammedans, 202; Roman Catholics, 137; Greek Catholics, 129; Copts, 67; Armenians, 57; Jews, 46; Hindoos, 7; Maronites, 2. These 856 patients represented 23 nationalities, as follows: Egyptians, 275; British, including Maltese, 184; Greeks, 107; Germans, 70; Armenians, 52; Italians, 27; Austrians, 26; Turks, 26; Syrians, 18; Swiss, 15; Berbereens, 12; Russians, 9; Indians, 7; French, 6; Persians, 5; Americans, 4; Albanians, 4; Belgians, 2; Hungarians, 2; Sudaneses, 2; Roumanians, 1; South Africans, 1; Spaniards, 1. This detailed account is given here to show the broad need for this institution of mercy, and the great good it is accomplishing. This hospital opened with two inmates in 1872. Its sources of support are as broad and wide as its needs. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Miss Mary B. Schiffelin alone gave £1000 when the new building was purchased. It is a blessed work, planted and maintained by faith and reliance upon God and the gifts of His people.



LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN CAIRO, EGYPT

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CAIRO, EGYPT

The German congregation, of which Rev. Paul Kahle, Ph.D., is pastor, numbers about

1000 souls. It has connected with it and under the immediate charge of the pastor a large and well regulated school, in which may be found represented eight different nationalities, studying German, French, English, Arabic, Latin and Greek.

On entering the school the vistor is at once impressed with the fine discipline, which adds dignity and beauty to the beaming faces of the children.

Pastor Kahle is a bright, energetic young man, full of enthusiasm and well grounded hope.

The accompanying picture of the church at Cairo was photographed by the writer.

There are other Lutheran beginnings among the Diaspora along the Nile beyond Cairo, of which mention may be made later.

POMPEII PYRAMIDS

The Lutherans of Cairo are deeply interested in the work of the Good Samaritan Orphanage at Larnaca, Cyprus, of which a picture will also be given later.

Lutherans Wide Awake

The Lutheran Church is not a dominant factor in the Church life of America. Because the secular press fails to accord us that recognition often our due, is no sign that we are asleep. Frequently Lutherans, in reading of the things other denominations are doing, wonder what their own Church is about. The Lutheran Church is awake; it means business. Acting by and under competent synodical authority, two very important conferences have recently been held by representatives of the Lutheran Church in America, one at Pittsburgh and the other at Detroit. Thus, instead of talking theory about Church union—that, too, at long range—the Lutherans have come together face to face to come to a better understanding of each other. Recently a number of Lutheran pastors in New York sent a cablegram to King Christian of Denmark and King Edward of England, informing them that a thousand congregations of various nationalities, without Finnish influence, offered intercession for Finland, and asked their Majesties to communicate this fact to the Czar, with a request to him to deal graciously with Finland. The action taken by the Ministerial Union of our Church in New York, with a view to attempt to devise a feasible plan for definite religious instruction in cooperations with the public schools, has received some attention. At the first convention of the American Bible League the Lutheran Church was no unimportant factor. The Lutheran Church may be slow, but she is neither dead nor sleeping. These are hopeful signs of activity. Often we are misrepresented or misunderstood, but the Church of the Augsburg Confession is alive and awake to her responsibility under Christ.

DANIEL WEBSTER was visited by a fellow Senator where he was spending a vacation in New Hampshire. His friend said to him one day: "Mr. Webster, I am surprised that you go twice a Sunday to hear a plain country preacher when you pay little attention to far abler sermons in Washington. Mr. Webster replied: "In Washington they preach to Daniel Webster, the statesman, but this man has been telling Daniel Webster, the sinner, of Jesus of Nazareth, and it has been helping him." The heart-to-heart preaching that the people always need and that they frequently want is indicated by this little story. —*N. Y. Observer.*

Our Devotion to Christian Education

By William H. Rose

Address delivered at the Convention of the Luther League of New York City

IF the Luther League stands for anything it stands for Christian education. And well it should, for its very name denotes it. The name Luther is synonymous with "Christian education," and all who bear the name honorably are ardently devoted to it. The League, almost from its inception, has published the best and most interesting Lutheran periodical for young people, the Luther League Review: "Reading courses" of carefully selected books on religious subjects have been recommended and urged continually. The "Luther League Topics" are a good basis for young people's meetings and are constantly being improved. Every League convention—District, State and National—is devoted to Christian education.

Great have been the results of this work upon the Lutheran Church in America. But we have only begun; we are verily in our infancy in this work. The results as compared with the past are great, but there are untold opportunities ahead of us and we have a duty to perform in grasping them as they are unfolded to us and in making the most of them.

While the Luther League, as a body, stands for, and seeks to further, the great principles of Christian education, this cannot always be said of the individual League. The "religious meeting" is the one that has the smallest attendance during the month. The "religious meeting" is usually the one that is indefinitely postponed. The committee that prepares for these meetings is the one most always reported "at sea." When a committee from the District League urges the use of the Topics or of the Reading Courses, they are listened to with outward respect and often inward pity. They way some of these things have to be recommended one would often think that a lost cause was being represented. The individual Luther League should stand, above all else, for the religious instruction of its members. Only when this is an accomplished fact will the true strength of that League be found.

Many of the Leagues have not given their members a good taste of true religious instruction. This being so, how can we expect the members to hunger and thirst for such knowledge? Fellow Leaguer, if your society is not diligently devoting some of its meetings to Christian education, go home to it and force the issue. You need not be an orator nor a recognized leader in our society, but with the whole Word of God behind you, demand a proper and earnest consideration of religious doctrine at the meetings; and if refused, ask your associates why they call themselves "*Luther*" Leaguers, if they pay no heed to the principles for which the Reformed contended and for which he stood.

The reason so many members go home dissatisfied after attending League meetings and feel that the evening has been wasted, is because the League's most important object is not being carried out—that object which states that the League stands for the religious improvement of its members. Many avoid this stated object as though they were afraid it would bite. If we are afraid of it, let us get rid of it, but when we do so, a further subtraction is necessary—we must also drop the name Luther, for by what right shall we use that name if we do not vigorously maintain those principles for which Luther stood?

What an opportunity each League has to educate its members in Christian doctrine! What opportunities there are for the trained Christian worker in America to-day! Shall we allow these chances to slip by? As Lutheran young people, even as young Americans, there is only one course for us, and that is to make a determined stand for thorough religious instruction. It was Luther who first taught our forefathers on other shores the value of religious liberty. It was the spirit of the Reformation which guided those earnest bands to America in their desire for freedom. It was that same spirit which abounded in the Thirteen Colonies when they struck for and obtained their freedom. Our very national attitude toward religion was, and is, based upon that spirit. I venture to predict that our land will again turn to Luther's principles as a guide and will openly declare for the religious education of our children. The day may not be far off when a portion of each school week will be allotted to the Church for the systematic instruction of its children. For the sake of America's future "something must take the place of the religious instruction which in the older countries was given in the day schools, but which we have excluded from our public schools. The utterances in public print are frequent and growing more so. Educators are becoming awake to the situation and far-seeing statesmen are realizing a national danger." I believe that the Lutheran Church is the one best prepared to take up the systematic religious instruction of "Young America." I further believe that the Luther League can and will take a prominent part therein.

Plans for the thorough and systematic instruction of the children in our various churches are not for us, as Leaguers, to propose, but we can devote ourselves to bringing about their fulfillment.

Luther's attitude on the religious instruction of old and young was not original, was not a theory of his own. It was founded on God's Word entirely, for throughout the Old and New Testaments we are reminded to submit to being taught and urged to be teachers of the Word. While Luther procured for his and future generations the open Bible, and expounded its doctrines to the edification of people of all time, we may turn to the first books of the Old Testament and learn that religious instruction, even in those remote days, was considered of greatest importance. God's Word repeatedly enjoins positive devotion to religious education.

One has said that there are too many passive or honorary members in the Church; but there is no middle ground for the Christian. We must be cold or hot. Rev. 3: 15: "Because thou are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." Many of us "have a name that we live, but are dead." To be in harmony with God's Word we are compelled to be devoted students and exponents of His Word. Then is our duty not wholly performed by attendance upon divine service once each Sunday, or perhaps twice, especially if we go, as many do, merely to receive an intellectual treat. Ask two-thirds of the members of any congregation to join in the work of the Bible school and what are the answers received? Without considering the minor answers, the majority will say that they are unprepared, unfit. Ask these same people to attend midweek Bible study or the Sunday normal class, and they are ready with other excuses. The Christian worker knows them all only too well. The true answer to these requests should be "I will not," "I care not." They *will* to be neither students nor exponents of God's Word. Many of those who refuse have attended Sunday services with regularity for ten or fifteen or twenty years or more, and still say "unfit," "unprepared." What a recommendation they give to their pastors as exponents of Christian doctrine! The shame of it all! In order to be released they condemn themselves and really include their pastors in the condemnation.

For most of us the Sunday Bible school offers perhaps the highest call God will extend to us in this life, and it behooves us, therefore, to make the most of it. The live superintendent can put all to work who apply. There is always room for more workers. Do not wait for him to invite and urge you. One who is greater calls you; it is Christ, the Great Teacher. Are you putting aside this call, expecting a more important mission? Are you wasting precious weeks, months, years awaiting a greater call? Does God's Word teach thus? Consider Joseph, his humiliation, his thirteen years' service in the prison as a sort of captain of the prisoners, there learning to rule men before God called him higher to govern Egypt. "Lovest thou me?" says Jesus; "then feed my lambs." Not until the second time does He say "Feed my *sheep.*" And why? Because the lambs are the hope of the flock. The Church of the future is the child of to-day. It is figured that 83 per cent. of all who become communicant members of the Church come from the Sunday schools. Shall we consider lightly the strongest recruiting agency of the Church?

That band composed of workers who most deeply feel the importance of this work and feel the personal responsibility for its accomplishment—that band conducts all the successful Bible schools of to-day and did so in all times past. Do not go to their school to study their methods only. The system is not responsible for its success. Never is this true. A good system is only the natural outcome where the underlying principles are personal responsibility and devotion to duty. Study that school where the teachers least often become discouraged where an optimistic spirit prevails. Good methods and system naturally folow where only those teachers are chosen who love the children, who feel teh personal responsibility to God in their care, and who consider it a privilege rather than a duty to teach. Many become discouraged in this work, but who can measure results?

I wonder if he remembers—
Our sainted teacher in Heaven—
The class in the old gray schoolhouse
Known as the "Noisy Seven"?

I wonder if he remembers
How restless we used to be,
Or thinks we forget the lesson
Of Christ and Gethsemane?

I wish I could tell the story
As he used to tell it then;
I'm sure that, with Heaven's blessing,
It would reach the hearts of men.

I often wish I could tell him,
Though we caused him so much pain
By our thoughtless, boyish frolic,
His lessons were not in vain.

I'd like to tell him how Willie,
The merriest of us all,
From the field of Balaclava,
Went home at the Master's call.

I'd like to tell him how Ronald,
So brimming with mirth and fun,
Now tells the heathen of India
The tale of the Crucified One.

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Luther League of Minnesota

Sixth Convention, at St. Peter, May 2-4

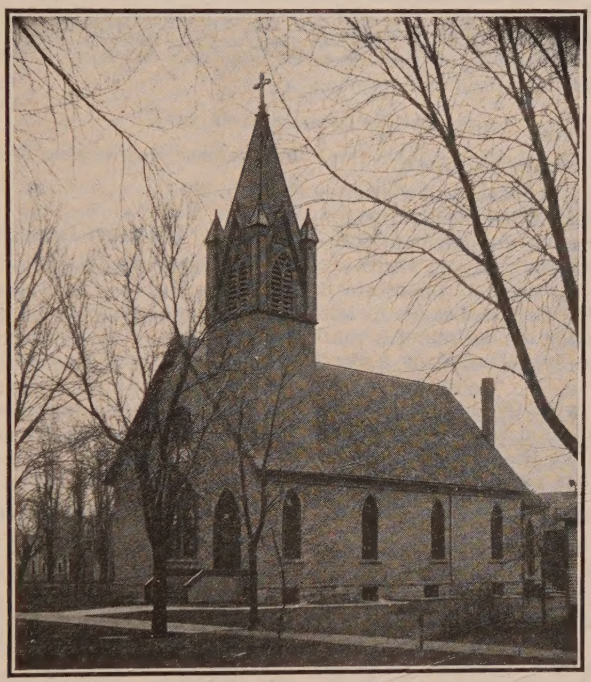
By Laura Knutson

THE Luther League of Minnesota held its sixth annual convention in the First English Lutheran Church of St. Peter, May 2 to 4. The convention was formally opened by the President, J. N. Kildahl, the president of St. Olaf College, Northfield. Rev. I. O. Nothstein, pastor of the church, welcomed the League to the hospitality of the place, and the President responded. The paper of the afternoon was read by Professor E. Schmidt, of Red Wing, on "The Best Way of Conducting Luther League Devotional Meetings," and was followed by an interesting discussion.

In the evening a reception to the delegates and the visiting members was given in the church basement. A large number attended and spent an enjoyable evening, getting acquainted and listening to a musical and literary programme. All of the sessions were furnished with music by the talent of the Gustavus Adolphus College.

At the second session a paper was read by Mrs. T. H. Dahl, of Minneapolis, on "The Holy Spirit in Our Daily Lives," followed by discussion. At this session the following officers were elected for the year: Pres., Rev. F. E. Jensen, Lindstrom; rec. sec., Mrs. W. H. Rahn, Minneapolis; cor. sec., Miss Laura Knutson, St. Paul; treas., Mr. John Shoemaker, Minneapolis.

At the third session papers were read by Rev. F. S. Beistel, St. Paul, on "The Male Diaconate," and Rev. H. B. Kildahl, director of the Norwegian Deaconess' Home in Chicago, on "The Deaconess." The statistical secretary's report, presented at this session, shows that the State League is composed of two District Leagues and eight individual Leagues. The Red River Valley District is composed of eighteen Leagues, and the Twin City District of fifteen Leagues. The total membership of the State League is 1,800, comprising societies of 1 German, 1 Danish, 16 English and 23 Norwegian congregations.



FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MINNESOTA, WHERE CONVENTION WAS HELD

Rev. T. L. Eggen, Madison, Wis., was the speaker at the rally meeting, and his subject was "The Cup of Wisdom." Dr. Lenker gave a short talk on Luther's works.

At the last session Rev. J. Peterson, Moorhead, gave an interesting paper on "The Things That Will Insure Good Individual Leagues." Another paper, prepared by K. O. Finseth, Kenyon, Minn., was read by Mr. Herman Wennermark, St. Peter, the subject being "The Work of the Luther Leagues

Outside of the Luther League Meetings." The convention adjourned for one hour to attend devotional exercises at Gustavus Adolphus College. The delegates were heartily welcomed by the president of the institution, who also spoke words of encouragement for our work. Rev. F. E. Jensen, Rev. H. T. Kildahl and Dr. Lenker also gave short talks.

Though the delegation did not number as many as at former conventions, the papers presented and the discussions which followed proved of great benefit to all the Leaguers, and many delegates found solutions to problems which confront every Luther League. The delegates will always remember the hospitality shown them by the St. Peter Leaguers, and hope to see many of them at the next annual convention of the State League, to be held at Lindstrom in the spring of 1905.

Luther League of Iowa

DEAR LUTHERAN CO-WORKER.—At a meeting of the Iowa District Luther League held in Eagle Grove last August the president called attention to the fact that, as yet, there was no State League organized in the State of Iowa, and urged the District League to take the steps necessary for the calling of a State convention and the organization of a State League.

The appeal met with the hearty approval of the meeting, and as a result a committee was appointed to take the matter in hand.

This committee has met and taken the action necessary for the calling of a State convention.

We accordingly have the very great pleasure of inviting all Lutheran Young Peoples' Societies of the State of Iowa, regardless of nationality or synodical affiliation, to send delegates to the first Iowa State Luther League Convention, to be held at Fort Dodge, Iowa, July 20 and 21, 1904. We would also extend a cordial invitation to every Lutheran pastor within the State, and every other friend of the cause, to attend the convention and help make it a success.

The convention will be called at 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, in the Norwegian Lutheran Church.

The committee has been fortunate in securing most excellent speakers and a very interesting programme will be announced later through the different synodical organs and the public press.

We believe this opportunity for a meeting with brethren of the same faith will be hailed with gladness by every true lover of the Lutheran Church; and, by the grace of God, we believe that this new movement for the consolidation of our scattered forces, and the fostering of brotherly love and co-operation in the Master's work, will result in untold blessings for the Church we love.

Kind reader, will you not give the committee your undivided support in this great work? Jesus prayed that His disciples might be one even as He and the Father are one (John 17:21). Is it not time that we all should strive more diligently to come up to His standard and pray more earnestly for more of the spirit of the true disciple in our work? Please do not lay this letter aside until you have considered seriously what the Lord expects of you in this matter!

Commending the great cause to the grace of God and to the prayerful intercession of every believer, we beg to remain,

Yours in humble service,

W. H. BLANCKE,
O. SHEFVELAND,
O. O. STAGEBERG,
Committee.

JEWELL, IOWA, May 6, 1904.

Luther League of Ohio

The next convention of the Luther League of Ohio will meet in Newark, June 22 and 23, in the church of which Rev. J. C. Schnidel is pastor. A splendid programme has been prepared and the general secretary, Rev. L. M. Kulms, and the literature secretary, Rev. Charles Fry, have promised their presence.—GRACE HUNTON, *Secretary.*

Sixth National Convention

It is impossible in this number to give any further details concerning the next National convention at Buffalo, August 16-18, than was given in the last issue. It is our purpose to publish a Pro-Convention number in July, giving all the details.

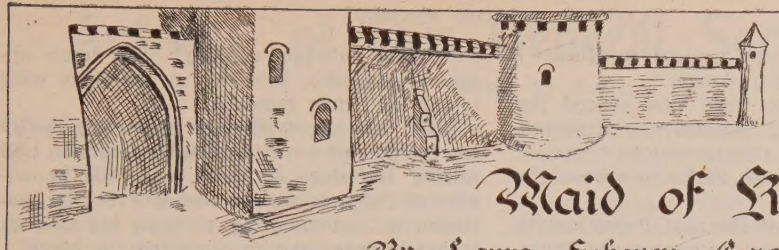
The Buffalo Central League and its committees are actively at work perfecting all arrangements.

The Committee on Publicity, in their General Bulletin, No. 1, say:

"We extend to you a most cordial invitation to visit this, the Queen City of the Lakes, assuring you of a most hearty welcome.

"Preparations covering every point involved in entertaining all delegates and visitors are going on rapidly, and the prospect for the largest and most important gathering of the National organization is a bright one.

"All that is now necessary to make the convention a grand success is for every local society or League to send a delegate, and for district and State Leagues to see that they are properly represented. If you come we'll take good care of you."



The Maid of Kemnitz.

By Laura Scherer Copenhaver.

"Amid the turmoil of the mediæval Church, whose garments were so often stained with the blood of Christ's holiest saints," there is no figure more heroic than that of John Huss. The bare facts of his life make a romance through which sounds one battle-cry—For the Truth! For the truth this man hazarded everything, even life itself. Hazarded, and lost? No! because to bear witness for the truth even when no danger menaces us—is it not a good thing? To bear such witness in the face of great peril—is this not better far than ingloriously to prate of commonplaces all our lives? To die for the truth—can there be sublimer close to the most noble life?

In the following narrative of the life and times of John Huss, History has been made to wear the garb of Fable, but whenever chronological accuracy has been sacrificed it has been in order that the more "intimate spirit and meaning of the times" may be made manifest.

Chapter VI

The Vengeance of Norvona

"Society admires the scholar, but man loves the hero."—*Newell Dwight Hillis.*

"THOU shalt see how a soldier defends the faith he accepts," said Norvona to Rudolf, after the death of Jerome of Prague. "The murder of Huss shall be avenged!"

"The waters of the Rhine have swept away his ashes," said Rudolf, "but his memory shall live where there be those who love the truth."

"I have followed two kings and two emperors. I served against the German Hospitallors in Poland. I fought beside the French knights at Nicopolus. But never have I seen so great a man as John Huss. There be many who think with me. The men of Constance are sick of the Council. The men of Prague are on fire to avenge the death of Huss and of Jerome."

"The two murders lie like a curse on the city of Constance. 'Tis said the place has been ruined by the Council. Sigmund has meanly refused to pay a farthing of his personal debts."

"I care not for that. The Emperor may make what debts he pleases and pay what he chooses. But the safe conduct—that is another matter."

"The Bohemian peasants talk of nothing but Huss. Even the nobles have passed a resolution ordering every lord to have the doctrines of Huss taught within his demesnes."

"Only a leader is needed," said Norvona.

"Thou wilt be the leader!" exclaimed Rudolf.

"In faith, not I. A fighter am I, but no general. Didst thou mark the man who rode beside me yesterday? Once seen, he is never forgot."

"Short and broad shouldered; a seamed face; a huge mouth covered by a flaming red mustache?"

"And an eye which has lost its sight. Thou hast him! John Ziska von Trocznow! He fought side by side with me in Poland. He it is who will be our leader."

"I like him not. He looks more pagan than Christian."

"And we wait for a leader to thy liking, Rudolf, we shall never win a battle."

Rudolf started at Norvona's words. They recalled to him the speech of the Countess Blanca: "He who waits for a perfect leader will never fight a battle."

At that time he had demanded only a just cause. Now was offered to him a cause that had sufficed to unite John of Norvona, the peasants of Bohemia and the nobles of Prague—a glorious cause, Freedom for the Faith for which Huss and Jerome had died. Yet he hesitated.

"Is not this Ziska the chamberlain and favorite of Wenzel? Why does he wish to lead an army of Hussites?"

"A terrible injury was inflicted upon one of his family by a craven priest. He hates the priests as bitterly as they hated Huss. He is the only brave man in the court of Wenzel. He has said to Wenzel himself, 'Huss is burned and we have not avenged him.'"

"And what said Wenzel to this?"

"Ziska has Wenzel's permission to arouse the people. As for me, I care not that Sigmund has broken his promise to the city of Constance. I care not that he is no longer a soldier. His love affairs are no concern of mine. But I cannot forgive him the violation

of the safe conduct he granted to Huss. I will fight his battles no longer."

Other nobles there were who shared the opinions of Norvona. Nicolas van Hussinez, the former lord and always zealous friend of John Huss, united with Ziska to arouse the people.

It was in vain that the new Pope, Martin V., hurled his fulminations against the Hussites.

The Brethren of the Cup, as they styled themselves, were stirred, some by long smouldering hatred of the Roman clergy, some by a desire for vengeance upon the murderers of Huss, and some by a longing for religious freedom. Their leader called himself "John Ziska of the Cup, Captain of the Hope of God."

Upon a mountain which thenceforth received the Biblical name of Mt. Tabor forty thousand Hussites assembled. John of Norvona beheld with dismay the religious frenzy which animated them. Huss had been a hero, calmly preaching great truths. Ziska was a fanatic, insisting upon non-essentials, with no conception of the real spirit of Christianity.

The Hussites marched through Prague in procession, bearing their chosen sign, the Cup. They stormed the Council House and flung the thirteen German councillors out of the window.

A few days later the death of Wenzel gave the signal for a general outbreak. The city of Prague was plundered by the frenzied mob. Every monastery and church in Prague was sacked, the pictures were destroyed, the priests' robes converted into flags. The royal palaces, so splendidly adorned with treasures of mediæval art, were pillaged. The walls of the palace garden, on which the whole of the Bible was written, were utterly destroyed. The peasants, armed with flails, were remorseless vandals.

"And this is war!" cried Rudolf.

"Alas!" replied Norvona. "I foresaw not this. Hereafter moderate counsels must prevail."

But crowds of women and children flocked to Ziska's camp near Pilsen. Here the Hussite army was surrounded by the royal troops. Ziska ordered the women to strew the ground with their gowns and veils. As the royal riders advanced the feet of their horses became entangled, and in the confusion the Hussites attacked and defeated them. In retaliation for the burning of the martyrs of Prague, Ziska sacked the surrounding monasteries and burned the priests alive in barrels of pitch.

Sigmund invited the Silesians to invade Bohemia, and twenty thousand men poured into that unhappy country. The mere approach of Ziska, however, struck them with terror, and they retreated.

Ziska was deprived of his remaining eye by the splinter of a tree struck by a cannon ball during the siege of Raby. Yet his knowledge of Bohemia was so accurate that he continued to lead his army, to draw his men up in battle order and to command the siege.

At one time, having compelled his troops, as was often his wont, to march day and night, he heard them complaining:

"Day and night are not the same to us as to the blind Ziska."

"How! you cannot see?" said Ziska. "Well, set fire to a couple of villages!"

In November Sigmund himself entered Bohemia at the head of a horde of 80,000 savage Cumans and Servians. Ziska was surrounded and shut up near Kuttenberg, but broke his way through the enemy during the night.

He drew up his army in battle array and awaited the onset of the foe. But the royal troops at sight of him were seized with sudden panic and fled without a stroke.

Sigmund, weary of the war, offered Bohemia to Ziska on condition of submission, but Ziska was not to be bought. He had no personal ambition. He was consumed with zeal for the cause for which he fought. For himself he cared not. Many of the leaders among his party begged him to accede to the proposals of Sigmund, make concessions and end the war.

Mounting upon a cask, the blind old warrior thus addressed his comrades:

"Snares are laid for you by the Emperor and Princes. You will be entrapped, but without my fault."

With undiminished vigor, Ziska planned a fresh attack upon Moravia. While besieging a castle on the way he was seized with the plague. When he knew that he was dying his only concern was that the war should go on until the rights demanded by the Hussites should be unconditionally granted.

"Make my skin into drum-heads for the Bohemian cause," he said, while in the agonies of death.*

Immediately after the death of Ziska the Hussites were divided. With the moderate party Norvona and Rudolf were joined. Their new leader was Procop Holy, one of the bravest Brethren of the Cup, but more politic in council than the fierce old Ziska.

Norvona was dispatched to Basil upon a secret embassy looking to securing an hon-

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* Tradition says that this remarkable command was actually obeyed, so intense was the reverence of the Hussites for the least word of their great leader.

Activity of Our General Secretary

From March to June

THE Christian Church stands for Christ's righteous kingdom among men; for God's house and His worship. There the Gospel will be correctly taught and the sacraments properly ministered. The measure of her strength lies in her recognition of Christ as the head and in her adherence to the principles of the Gospel.

Among the agencies of the Church are our young people's societies. "Of the Church, by the Church and, for the Church," from the beginning it has been and now is the aim to keep the Luther League near the Church —not as the Church, but simply as an agency for Christ within the Church. In Christian living and teaching and sacrifice there is a climate that invigorates the good man and woman, that prevents their becoming a spent force for righteousness, but instead makes them powerful witnesses for Christ. In the midst of earth's atmosphere of worldlinss the enthusiasm and the inspiration of our young people's societies must stand for a living power rich in consecrated, intelligent, large service, recognizing their higher loyalty to Christ and His kingdom, and willingly render submission to the authority of Holy Scripture as the rule of faith and practice.

The spirit of loyalty to Christ and the Church on the part of our young people has been noticeable in the visitation of the District Luther Leagues and local societies, covering a period of constant traveling, beginning the first of March and ending the last of May. During this time the General Secretary has been at conventions, rallies, and local meetings in New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois, West Virginia, Iowa and the District of Columbia. It is impossible to mention the many encouraging things seen in League work, neither is a catalogue of the places visited necessary. Washington, where Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt had arranged a rally, was the point farthest South visited. Cedarburg, in the itinerary in Wisconsin so kindly arranged by Rev. Dr. W. K. Frick, Milwaukee, with whom and Rev. Stearns a delightful Sunday was spent, was "the farthest North."

In its League work New York is splendidly organized. As the mother State of the Luther League, this is to be expected. The District work is developing very well, and the geographical arrangement of the Districts affords large opportunity for exension work. In company with the President of the Luther League of the State of New York, Mr. James M. Reynolds, a number of local societies were visited, and whether at a local meeting or a rally or a District convention, the signs for the future were of promise.

The work in New York and Pennsylvania is aggressive. Pennsylvania has a fine and active Press Committee. The Luther League of the State of Pennsylvania, with its membership of 18,000, is a vigorous force in the Church. In Wisconsin every Church in the English Synod of the Northwest has a society identified with the State Luther League, and the Dane County District League, at its recent convention, has taken measures for active extension work. In Illinois the past year has been marked by progress. It is expected that the Luther League of Iowa will be reorganized at Fort Dodge, July 20 and 21.

At the District meetings attended attention was given to extension work and the best means to make each society helpful to the local church. In the large number of locals privileged to visit it was gratifying to remark the loyalty to the Church of their fathers and the devotion to their pastors of our young people, and to hear the testimony to their readiness to follow the pastoral guidance in practical Church work.

Several days were spent at Buffalo, the convention city. A preliminary statement was given in the May REVIEW of the preparations making for the great national convention to be held there August 16, 17, 18. Buffalo is a very beautiful city, of growing commercial importance, and is rapidly developing as a Lutheran stronghold. Its very vigorous League is preparing to give the young Lutherans from every section of our great country a most hearty welcome. The constitution of the Luther League of America provides that "Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or a Lutheran institution of learning" "and recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership." Present indications are that Buffalo will witness the largest gathering of Lutherans ever assembled in America. The topic for the convention will be announced by the Programme Committee in the pro-vention number of THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

At the General Conference at Pittsburgh different speakers made kindly reference to the great work of the Luther League. Truly, there is a great work before the young people of our Church to-day. Not the least part of this work is to be found in the local parish. A most important phase of this local work has to do with the confirmed members of our Church. One of our Lutheran papers contains a thought on this subject we want to give the members of our Luther League.

"The Easter season among us is always marked by large additions by confirmation and by baptism to our churches. The question comes, What of the future of these dear young people, born into the Church and, we hope, into the kingdom of our Lord? They have all been well instructed in the doctrines and duties of the Christian faith, and but for the review of the past, we might cherish the hope that all of them would continue in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel unto the end. But all around are many who once gave promise, as do these, but who are asleep and dead in the world, wholly forgetful of the solemn promises made at their confirmation. May we not hope that even these may at some time be awakened and aroused into newness of life. They surely present a great and needy field for Christian work. Paul would say, My heart's desire and prayer to God for these, my brethren in the flesh, is that they may be saved. That their spiritual condition cannot be chargeable to any defect in our mode of introducing the young into the Church we are quite sure. Is it not frequently true of all the churches, that very many lapse into carelessness and worldliness and become utterly forgetful of God and of their vows? Our one word to the newly confirmed is what we think the word of the Lord would be, If ye *continue* in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; or what Paul would say, *Continue* in the things wherein ye have been taught. If the confirmant *continues* in the service of God's house, in the helpful support of God's cause, according to ability; in daily prayer and reading the Word of God; walking in the fear of God, as he goes out into the whirl and swirl of this busy, giddy life, avoiding evil companionship and sinful amusements, always making the kingdom of God *first*, we are quite sure he will walk safely to the end. The word which the Saviour gives to you and to me, and to all, is *watch—watch* and *pray*, that ye enter not into temptation, lest when He come He find you sleeping. God bless the young disciple, and make the home and the Church helpful in the daily life."

Here is something practical for our young people's societies to do. Our Luther League constitutions point out as part of the local work that of keeping our young people true to their confirmation vows. Let us not forget to pay the vow we make to God, but live so no man shall beguile us of our reward. And "finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsover things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsover things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report—if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The Maid of Kemnitz

(*Continued from page* 12.)

orable peace. Procop determined to carry out the plan of Ziska and push the war into Moravia. At Mismia he gained a signal victory, but was unable to control the merciless peasants who had fought under Ziska. Twenty-four nobles who were overtaken in pursuit knelt in a circle around their banner and surrendered, but they were struck down by the iron flails of the bloodthirty peasants.

Rudolf rode to battle as one in a dream. The cause was just. Even the leader was such an one as once he would have chosen, yet his soul revolted at the horrible brutalities of war. The two parties vied with each other in committing deeds of wanton cruelty. The imperialists cut a cup, the Hussites a cross, on the foreheads of their prisoners.

Procop's army went deeper into the forests of Moravia. Then Rudolf awakened from his dream. The Hussites were advancing to storm the Castle of Kemnitz!

Rudolf knew that remonstrance on his part would be useless. Even if Procop could be induced to alter his plans the men could not be restrained. The Rosenbergs were papists and imperialists.

"The ties of blood are as webs of dew in the wrath of the Lord," was a favorite saying among the fanatical Hussites. It would be useless to plead his kinship with the Rosenbergs. Yet he would sooner die by the flails of the peasants than remain with Procop's army during its advance upon the Castle of Kemnitz. For the castle itself he felt no love. It had once stood between its mistress and his love. Let it perish! But Agnes——!

"I will save her!" he cried to himself, as he rode with the Hussite army in his place near the great standard upon which was blazoned the Sign of the Cup.

(To be continued.)

Christian Education

(*Continued from page* 8.)

I'd like to tell him how Robert,
And Jamie, and George, and "Ray,"
Are honored in the Church of God—
The foremost men of their day.

I'd like, yes, I'd like to tell him
What his lesson did for me;
And how I am trying to follow
The Christ of Gethsemane.

Perhaps he knows it already,
For Willie has told, maybe,
That we are all coming, coming,
Through Christ of Gethsemane.

How many besides I know not
Will gather at last in Heaven,
The fruit of that faithful sowing,
But the sheaves are already seven.

Luther League Topics

5th Week after Trinity. July 3, 1904.

Spiritual Darkness

(Acts 26 : 18, and ii Cor. iv : 1-6).

Biblical Topic Reviewed by Rev. J. I. Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: Does man in his natural state desire to have his eyes opened? How is he to be made to see that he is blind? What is the nature of this blindness?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We must have light. Light is the opposite of darkness. Darkness is the period in which work is done with difficulty. All this is true of physical darkness, and equally and more pitiably so of soul darkness.

If in natural darkness we can work with difficulty, we have only to wait a brief period, when the whole hemisphere is flooded with light. Then man's work can be done. But to wait for spiritual light may be, often is, fatal. Hence, the Saviour says, "The night cometh in which no man can work." In the night of death work cannot be done for the soul. Then that which is essential to the soul "will be hid from thine eyes."

2. What kind of light must we have?

For the daily purposes or life we must have the light of the sun. We need, also, intellectual light. The understanding must be opened.

The humblest mind needs a measure of wisdom to meet the simplest duties. But for the higher and more intricate pursuits a much higher degree of knowledge is demanded. We boast of our advancement in the field of science and art. This is the inevitable result of intellectual illumination. But essential as is physical and mental light for the necessities and development of things temporal, yet they fail utterly in meeting the needs of man in the spiritual realm.

Rome and Greece, in the days of their deepest degradation, were not wanting in intellectual enlightenment. Philosophy, literature and the arts had been brought to a high degree of perfection, while their wickedness increased in an inverse proportion.

The list of *Truth* alone avails in the matter of salvation.

3. Can this be learned from the schools or from human teachers?

They have done much for the cause of sound learning. Before their expending rays darkness has fled and disappeared. Men have been made more humane, refined and civlized, in so much so that many have thought that popular education is the panacea for all of human sorrow, sin and woe.

But they have been sadly mistaken. While the heart is enshrouded in a thick cloud of moral darkness, all of human learning possible is inadequate, wholly so, to shed light into a soul dead in trespasses and sin. Socrates, the wisest of pagan philosophers, yet could not solve the mystery of sin and the future state. Death to him was but a leap into the dark. This wisdom can be learned nowhere but in the school of Christ, by the aid of the Holy Ghost.

6th Week after Trinity. July 10, 1904.

The Neuendettelsau Foreign Missionary Society

(Acts ix : 36-43).

Missionary Topic Reviewed by Rev. N. F. Schmidt

As we lift our eyes to the firmament of Christian activity, and scan the bright constellations of Evangelical missions, they rest lingeringly upon one which, not a star of the first magnitude, shines with a luster that is all its own—the Missionary Society of Neuendettelsau, which is distinctively Lutheran and owes its existence to the consecrated heart, life and labors of Rev. John Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, with whose name that of Neuendettelsau must ever be connected.

In the year 1841 Rev. F. C. D. Wyneken, a missionary among the scattered Germans of America, appealed to the Church of Germany for men to break the bread of life to their former countrymen. Nowhere did this appeal strike a more responsive chord than in the heart of Loehe, who then organized this society to prepare pastors who should accompany emigrants to America and Australia, there to supply them with the means of grace. Little by little the society extended its scope until it covered almost the entire field of Inner Missions.

In 1886 the society launched out upon the great sea of foreign missionary activity, establishing the first foreign mission station under its control in Kaiser Wilhelmsland, New Guinea, among the Papuans. This last extension was inaugurated through the consecrated mission zeal of Rev. J. Flierl, who is often called the father of the Neuendettlesau Foreign Missionary Society.

Several years before the Lutheran Emmanuel Synod, which separated from the Synod of Australia on doctrinal grounds, turned to Neuendettelsau to man their sta-

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tions. In response, Missionary Flierl was sent to Bukaltanina to take charge of work begun two years previously by members of that Synod. He learned the language of the natives in a remarkably short time, and labored among them with abundant success for seven years. With the arrival of other missionaries he turned his attention to the island of New Guinea, which, while only one-tenth as large as Australia, nevertheless had a population of about a million Papuans (while the number of natives of Australia was less than 80,000). As a part of them had come under the control of the German Government, it was the bounden duty of his Government, as well as of every German Christian, to see to it that the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ were offered to them.

His removal to New Guinea was a sacrifice: "I do not long for the fever-stricken palm forests of Kaiser Wilhelmsland. Our wilderness here has its advantages, especially that of a comparatively healthful climate, and here I have a comfortable home. Nevertheless, the naked fact stares us in the face that here, far and wide, you see the extended domain of the white man, and the number of the natives is ever decreasing, while there there is a great fallow field of heathenism, with its hundreds of thousand Papuans, for whom the season of grace may soon be over. I will, therefore, gladly sacrifice every convenience and undertake the initial difficulties of every character so soon as the commission thereto has been given me. In no way do I underestimate the difficulties of the undertaking, but shall we do less than the children of this world, who take great pains to gain the vanities of earth, while we for this work have received our commission, as well as promise, from the Lord?" His fellow-countrymen thought him crazy and taunted him, saying: "The best mission for the Papuans is that which silences them in death."

Despite all adverse criticism, he sailed, landing in New Guinea July 12, 1886, and in October established a station at Simbang, where they were most ungraciously received. The natives, crying, "Away with you, you rascals!" fell on them, and in the fray Missionary Flierl was slightly wounded. They, however, remained, and in a short time gained the confidence of the very men who would have put them to death.

Two great difficulties met them. First, the language of the Papuans was entirely unknown. The inhabitants of Kaiser Wilhelmsland had never been brought into contact with the outside world. Not one, therefore, could speak either German or English, and no white man had ever learned their language. There was nothing, therefore, that the faithful missionaries could do but address themselves to the laborious task of learning their language from the lips of the natives, word by word. Considering what such an undertaking means, need we be surprised that the success of their labors, as the world measures success, was for many years small? In fact, they labored there with undaunted courage for twelve years without being able to point to a single convert. One of these missionaries, K. Vetter, wrote: "Remember how long it took before we could deliver to the benighted natives the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is nigh at hand'; but we are now on a fair way to baptize our first converts. As the husbandman rejoices to see the springing up of the seed, though it scarcely can be detected from common grass and though there be no sign of ears, so we rejoice in this seedtime of labor when we hear the expressed purpose of men to forsake the sinful ways of their fathers and become the children of God. The grace of God, which produces such beginnings, thereby proving His word to be quick and powerful, will assuredly work a continuation of the same, so that from among the Papuans He might raise up children for His kingdom, according to Mark 4: 28."

A greater difficuty was the one which ever threatened their lives—malarial fever. They soon experienced its destructive power, for their report of the various cases of fever among them constitutes a standing chapter in all their letters. Despite the fact that sickness was well-nigh constant among them, God's grace was especially manifest in that death dared not claim a victim for many years. In 1891, while pestilence raged violently in the mission station at Finsch Haven, taking away thirteen out of a working force of thirty white persons, the number of laborers in the Neuendettelsau station at Simbang was permitted to remain intact. Nevertheless, the effect of the climate was most enervating, and the missionaries were frequently obliged to return to the more healthful districts of Australia for recuperation. One of their number has said: "Here in this beautiful stretch of nature a person is several paces nearer death than anywhere else, nevertheless we cling to the word of the Lord, which says, 'Whosoever shall lose his life for My sake shall find it.'" A health station and sanatorium was later established on one of the islands lying a few hours' journey to the southeast of Finsch Haven, which proved most beneficial to their health and labors.

According to the latest available report (1901) this society has five principal stations

in New Guinea and Queensland, manned by twelve European missionaries, and could at that time count fourteen native Christians as the first fruits of their labors.

When we consider the consecrated zeal and self-sacrifice displayed by this little band, dare we look into the future with the expectation that it will bring a rich reward for their trials and their toil, thus fulfilling in them the promise of Scripture: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him?"

7th Week after Trinity. July 17, 1904.

William Alfred Passavant

(Hebrews xi : 24-40)

Historical Topic Reviewed by Prof. George H. Gerberding, D.D.

The Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant was one of those rare men of whom it has been well said that the good Lord makes only one in a century.

When his life shall have been written it will be found that his character and career are fully as remarkable as that of the well-known George Müller, of Bristol, England. He has well been called the Francke, Fliedner and Müller of the American Lutheran Church.

It is always interesting and profitable to find the secret of the power, the greatness and the goodness of such men. In his case we believe the secret lay in his own deep inner life and experience. He had an humble, confiding and abiding trust in Jesus as his personal Saviour from sin. He had an unchanging and an abiding faith in a personal, present, promise-keeping and prayer-hearing God. It was a life principle with him to undertake nothing until he had the assurance that God called him to do it. He laid great store by the inner call, without ignoring the call of the Church. Once assured that God wanted him to undertake a certain work, he went resolutely forward, undeterred by objections and obstacles. He gave himself wholly to these things. In his self-surrender and consecration to his Master's beck and call he was utterly indifferent to his own ease, inclination or honor. To live, to love, to labor, was the motto of that wonderful and fruitful life.

William Alfred Passavant was born in Zelienople, Pa., Oct. 8, 1821. His parents had come from Frankfort, Germany, in 1807, and settled in Butler county when all of that region was still a wilderness. The school advantages were meager. The mother, Zelia Basse, after whom Zelienople was named, was a highly educated, an unusually gifted and a remarkable woman. She gave her children a large part of their primary and grammar school education at home. She impressed her earnest, courageous and resolute character on William. The primitive village school was also patronized.

In the Bassenheim Academy, established by his parents, the bright lad was prepared for college. In the fall of 1836 he entered Jefferson College at Cannonsburg, Pa. During his college years he established a Lutheran Sunday-school ten miles in the country, canvassed for Lutheran students and for several Church papers and prepared the manuscript for a Lutheran almanac, looked after and aided some aged and poor people, and was the life of the college.

In 1840 he entered the seminary at Gettysburg, Pa. During his course there he wrote a remarkable journal, gathered a Sunday-school and congregation in a neglected country district, and canvassed Adams county for the American Bible Society.

His first charge was a mission in a churchless suburb of Baltimore, where he labored for eighteen months, organizing two congregations and erecting a chapel and a building designed for a church-school. In 1844 he followed an urgent call to the mission church in Pittsburgh, which was in such sore straits, financially and otherwise, that it was ready to disband and give up its property. There he labored for eleven years, paid off the heavy debt and built up a large and flourishing congregation. During these years young Passavant was considered one of the ablest preachers in the city. At the evening services the large church would often be inadequate to seat the crowds.

The occasion of his retirement from this prosperous church was the establishment of the first Protestant hospital in America. This was the beginning of that wonderful career of mercy work which has become one of the distinguishing glories of our Church. An orphanage was needed and founded to care for the children of the victims of the cholera, which raged so frightfully in 1850 and 1852. There was neither money nor grounds nor buildings for these institutions. Out of these beginnings have grown the Passavant Memorial Hospital in Pittsburgh, the Orphans' Farm School in Zelienople, and the Home for Epileptics in Rochester, Pa.

In 1849 the first four Protestant Deaconesses were brought to America and consecrated in the Pittsburgh Hospital by Theodore Fliedner.

While Dr. Passavant was looking after these and other institutions of mercy he by no means gave up the ministry of the Word. He always had an eye for the neglected and the needy and the abandoned. He was the founder and inspiring spirit of the Pitts-

burgh Synod, which established seventy churches in the first ten years of its history, and well earned the title of The Missionary Synod. With his own labors and without missionary aid Mr. Passavant gathered, organized and housed five congregations in Beaver county, Pa. There is scarcely a church in the early Pittsburgh Synod with whose founding he did not have something to do. His services and counsels were sought on every side. His journeys, labors, voluminous correspondence, with nearly fifty years of editorial work, might have taxed the resources of half a dozen ordinary men.

Space forbids the further story of what that remarkable man of God had to do with the founding of the orphanages at Mount Vernon, New York, Boston, Buffalo and Philadelphia, as well as of the founding of the hospitals at Chicago, Jacksonville and Milwaukee, or of Thiel College and the Chicago Seminary, his last and crowning labor of love.

In speaking of his institutions he himself said:

"A higher power than man's has called them into life. A divine hand has provided for their support. An overruling Providence has ordered all their affairs. Having nothing, they have yet possessed all things. Though poor, they have made many rich. Though perplexed, they have not been in despair. Though without counsel and having no strength, their eyes have steadily looked up toward the Lord."

What lessons for Luther Leaguers! Are there any coming Passavants in our League?

8th Week after Trinity. July 24, 1904.

Born Again

(I Peter i : 22-25)

Biblical Topic Reviewed by Rev. J. I. Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: With what distinguished Jew did Jesus talk about the New Birth? To what high Jewish tribunal did this man belong? Why did he come to Jesus by night? With what class of present-day errorists did his question, "How can these things be?" align him?

Lessons for our lives: 1. With what sacrament is the New Birth connected? This is important, because we are ignorant of God's way of salvation if we do not know that the sacrament of Baptism is one of the conditions of salvation. Jesus said, Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

So he says in John iii., 5th, "Except a man, *i. e.*, any one, be *born* of *water* and of *the Spirit*, he can not enter into the Kingdom of God."

So Peter taught the awakened multitude on the day of Pentecost, "Repent and be baptized every one of you, for *the remission of sins*, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Though many other passages of like import might be quoted, these are enough to show that the sacrament of Baptism is a necessary condition of salvation. While baptism, in itself, will not save any one, neither can any one be saved who deliberately refuses to be baptized.

2. What does this sacrament impose on all who have had it applied? Let Luther answer: "Baptism signifies that the old Adam in us is to be downed and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, with all sins and evil lusts; and that again the new man should daily come forth and rise, that shall live in the presence of God, in righteousness and purity forever." Let every baptized person ever remember that if he does not honestly daily seek to die unto sin and live unto holiness, he is not born again.

3. Does baptism certainly insure our salvation? No. We may be baptized in infancy or in riper years, we may be thoroughly instructed in the cathechism, be confirmed and partake of the Holy Supper, and yet be lost. These things are all good and essential, but if they do not work in us faith, daily sorrow and repentance, and a holy life, they will be but weights to sink us to endless ruin.

4. How, then, may I know that I am born again? No more momentous question than this can ever be asked. Yet it may be answered in one brief sentence: Obey God, shun all appearance of evil and "give all diligence to make your calling and election sure," for "he that doeth these things shall never be moved."

9th Week after Trinity. July 31, 1904.

What Can the Leaguer Do for His Church

(James ii : 17-26)

Practical Topic Reviewed by George D. Boschen

The commission to work for our Church rests upon each individual member of the League who earnestly and sincerely professed our Lord Jesus before men, and into whose heart has penetrated the confirmation prayer that "bringing forth the fruits of love and faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious unto the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness." That is the foundation upon which rests all earnestness to work for our Church. It is generally true that at the time of confirmation young Christians are most receptive of any influence that will hold them to the Church, and it is at that time that the League should do its most tell-

ing work. The ready energy and known enthusiasm of youth should be wisely directed then and there. The greatest power of the League lies in its ability to lead, to train. It should be a training school for lay workers, intellectually, socially and spiritually. The ideal organization of a League would be at its spring of power, the pastor. Under his direction and guidance, there should be an advisory board of the lay workers—the young men and young women who have had in charge the teaching of the young. In very nearly every congregation there are lay workers, gifted as specialists in their particular branches of work, who should study the growing of their charges, mentally and spiritually. These workers would be an advisory board to the pastor, and a center from which would radiate the energy and direction of the work among the young people. The formation of junior Luther Leagues affords the avenue by which the young Lutheran should be led into the senior League. And the method of growth should be in the control of the senior League. The very best material of the seniors should have charge of the junior work, so that the proper foundation be laid, and the desire be formed to enter the senior work at the earliest possible opportunity. In all this preparation the main fact must not be lost sight of, that we are training the young people for work in the Church, and that the ultimate aim of all our striving is to so equip ourselves that we can intelligently carry on the Master's work. To carry out this idea needs practice and study, praying and working. The membership of the League should be a prayerful body of students, applying themselves to the routine of Church work with the same zeal and effort for success as they would in their material occupations. The positions of officers of the League should be to those who are gifted to lead, stepping stones for work in the congregation. An officer of the League should be raised from an obscure position to a position of trust. And if, in the wisdom of the membership, a Leaguer is so honored, the responsibility is also great, for has not Christ given some of you diversities of gifts—diversities of administration, but the same Lord—diversities of workings, but the same God who worketh all in all?

And when a Leaguer has reached a high office it becomes his duty and privilege to study those members who are showing an adaptibility for work, and at the proper time to retire, so that there may be a continual progress in the officers, and a consequent continual drawing in of new and diversified interests, whose support and influence are necessary to a complete rounding out of the life of an organization. To keep the same officials creates stagnation; to rotate the officers arouses ambition. There is within all young people some spark of ambition, and this properly kindled, fed and controlled will be the keynote of success. Has this careful training been going on in your League? Supposing, reader, you are in a position of trust and are called upon to lay down your burden, whom have you trained to take up your work?

That is the working side of a League's activities. But underlying it all, and the foundation stone upon which our work must rest, is Prayer. The Apostle urges us to continue steadfastly in prayer—not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, but exhorting one another. Attend faithfully on the preaching of the Word. These words convey to us opportunities for doing something for our Church. It will strengthen our spiritual life and be an incentive to our pastor when he knows that he will have an audience that have come a-hungered and thirsting for the living waters. And in the prayerful working out of our problems the Leaguer reaps the benefit. "The doctrine of the Lutheran Church naturally produces a definite type of Christian life," and if we have this definite, positive type of Christian life it will constrain us to do the work from the viewpoint of love, rather than from that of the law.

Above all and in all, however, we must not wish to glorify ourselves, but rather

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Daily Bible Readings

June 5. I Trinity—I Corinthians 2: 9-16.
Monday—Matthew 7: 21-29.
Tuesday—Luke 6: 43-49.
Wednesday—John 13: 4-17.
Thursday—Isaiah 1: 16-20.
Friday—Romans 12: 1-5.
Saturday—I John 5: 1-21.

June 12. II Trinity—James 1: 22-27.
Monday—I Kings 19: 9-21.
Tuesday—Isaiah 6: 1-13.
Wednesday—Ezekiel 37: 1-28.
Thursday—John 14: 15-25.
Friday—John 15: 16-27.
Saturday—I Peter 5: 1-14.

June 19. III Trinity—II Thessalonians 2: 13-17.
Monday—Matthew 6: 24-34.
Tuesday—Acts 2: 41-47.
Wednesday—Ephesians 6: 10-16.
Thursday—I Peter 1: 1-16.
Friday—Matthew 25: 1-13.
Saturday—Revelation 3: 1-6.

June 26 IV Trinity—Luke 12: 31-40.
Monday—Isaiah 35: 1-10.
Tuesday—Acts 26: 1-18.
Wednesday—Acts 26: 19-32.
Thusday—Colossians 1: 1-29.
Friday—Job 9: 1-35.
Saturday—Romans 3: 20-31.

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Editorial

All our questions to-day in the League and the Church center around the Bible. The Word of God is the center of the great battles of our time. We, as League members, have our part in the conflict, and a very important part, for there is no other Church that stands so solidly for the whole Bible as does our own great Lutheran Church. The young Lutherans, then, have a great opportunity and a great responsibility.

By inheritance, by training, by experience, we know that the Bible is God's Holy Word, inspired and endowed with the power of God; that it carries within itself the power of God unto salvation; that it is different from any other book in the world, because it is veritably God's Word and communicates God's grace to us. As young Lutherans, we do not doubt this for a moment. Therefore, we are strong for the battle. We know what and whom we believe.

What does this mean? It means that the Lutherans in America must take the lead, must be in the forefront in this battle, because Lutherans are a unit on this question, for the stand for the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible, as the rule and standard in Christian faith, life and work. The leadership falls to them naturally.

Will we accept the honor and the responsibility? Then the time has come for every one of us to read and study his Bible with a new and persistent devotion. There ought to be in all our Leagues a definite and thorough study of the Word—not merely lessons and topics from the Bible, but the whole *Bible*, studied thoroughly and connectedly.

How much do you know, not only about the Bible, but of the Bible itself? How familiar are you with its contents? How many of its precious promises and wonderful messages can you repeat or turn to without a long search? Can you, when you need them, turn at once to the words of comfort for the sorrowing or dying? Can you, out of the Scriptures, bring to your own heart, or to others who need them, the words of light and peace and encouragement? In a word, do you use your Bible? Can you use it because you have a personal knowledge of and thorough acquaintance with its treasures?

As we know our Bibles and use them, our work and our life will blossom and grow into new and large harvests.

The greatest need in our Church to-day is men, more men, to enter our many mission fields, which are so ripe for the harvest. Let us ask prayerfully, "Lord, what wouldst Thou have me do?"

It would seem to be unnecessary to call the attention of the Luther Leagues editorially to the approaching national convention of the Luther League of America at Buffalo. As the official organ of the Luther League, THE REVIEW has issued the official call for the sixth national convention, and has published the preliminary statement about the convention. But it desires to call attention to this convention, so every Lutheran can keep in touch with the young people's movement within our Church, and understand its growth and spirit. The programmes of our national conventions have never been marked by the spectacular so often found where vitality is lacking. The purpose and spirit of the Luther League is to impart a virile stability to this movement, instead of the transient impulses and enthusiasm often characteristic of youth. Organized within the Church, it stands for loyal personal devotion to Christ, for fidelity to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to which it desires to be ever useful and helpful, and for religious training for all kinds of Christian service. So, while in no narrow spirit of bigotry, we seek the cultivation of our own Lutheran denominational individuality, and while desiring to be helpful to our own Church without being hurtful to others, to the damage of Christ's cause, members of the Luther League will gather at Buffalo to obtain new ideas by personal contact with each other, to try to adjust and adapt ideas presented to the conditions of local needs, and to cultivate a friendly acquaintance with the young people of our Church from all parts of our country.

The well-known author of that popular Lutheran book in our reading course, "The Way of Salvation," has kindly prepared for us the excellent article on Dr. Passavant published in this number. Dr. Gerberding is spending a second summer on a biography of William A. Passavant, the founder of so many institutions of mercy. Our Luther Leaguers will await with interest the publication of this latest work of Prof. Gerberding. S.

Publishers' Column

As the time approaches for the sixth National Convention of the Luther League of America at Buffalo on August 16, 17 and 18, the question is being passed among our Leaguers, "Are you going?" Present indications point to a large attendance both of delegates and visitors. It is worth your while to consider "Buffalo" and the "convention" in your plans for a vacation. If you are interested and want particulars, write to John F. Dinkey, chairman, Rochester, N. Y.; T. Clem Beck, Elizabeth, N. J.; M. C. Olson, Chicago, Ill.; A. J. D. Haupt, St. Paul, Minn., or L. M. Kuhns, Omaha, Neb.

That our new circular, with a reproduction of the different styles of Luther League Badges we can furnish, as well as the Luther League Charm, is appreciated is shown by the increased orders received for the badges. If you want any of these circulars for distribution among your members, they will be sent on application.

Here is an extract from a letter from a Leaguer showing appreciation of the books of the Reading Courses that is worth reading:

"I wish to say that I have found the books of the Luther League Reading Courses of immense value in my work. They have opened up a store of knowledge on the Lutheran Church and its work, especially on those lines which pertain to the field covered by the Luther League, which, I believe, cannot be found in any other place. The ordinary lay worker in the League does not have the time or the library in which to search out the necessary material for papers on strictly historical topics. I have found the reading courses very valuable in this line. You deserve great credit for having filled a long-felt need."

The easy terms on which these books can be secured ought to be an incentive to every active Leaguer to have a set of these books. Write for particulars.

The new number of the Luther League Topics was issued May 15, and the demand continues. Orders will be filled promptly.

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Luther League of America

"Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church"

Official Call for the Sixth National Convention

Buffalo, August 16th, 17th, 18th, 1904

IN accordance with the cordial invitation extended at the Fifth National Convention at St. Paul, Minn., the Sixth National Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Buffalo, N. Y. After conferring with the local committee, the Executive Committee has designated August 16, 17, and 18, 1904, as the time for holding the convention.

The arrangement of the programme is in charge of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee.

REPRESENTATION.

Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or a Lutheran institution of learning, and all District and State organizations whose admission shall have been recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership, with representation as follows: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District Association to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates. Such delegates must present proper credentials to the Committee on Credentials.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The sub-committee of the Executive Committee who will arrange the programme will be very grateful for suggestions in regard to topics in harmony with the General Theme of the convention, and speakers. To be of assistance, the suggestions should be sent at once to E. Aug. Miller, Esq., Fifth and Walnut streets, Philadelphia, Pa., chairman of the Programme Committee.

The Committee on Transportation, in an early number of the Review, *will publish the details of the railroad rates.*

Blank forms for credentials for delegates will be sent on application by Rev. C. K. Hunton, Statistical Secretary, No. 440 South Eighteenth street, Columbus, Ohio, who will also furnish gratuitously the uniform statistical blanks of the Luther League of America.

The Luther League Review *will furnish official information each month in regard to the convention, and after the convention will publish a Convention Number containing full reports of the proceedings.*

Particulars as to hotels, boarding houses and other local arrangements will be furnished in due season by the local committee of the Buffalo District League.

This call urges all Lutheran societies, of whatever name and however synodically related, to send their full quota of delegates to this Sixth National Convention. Preparation should at once be made by every Lutheran Young People's Society to be represented at the convention in Buffalo, and of which this is the official call. It is only through the united effort and the determination of each League to contribute its share that the convention will be a full success.

LUTHER M. KUHNS,

General Secretary of the Luther League of America.

Our Churches and Institutions

Greater New York

— The consecration of the large and beautiful new edifice of the Church of the Holy Trinity took place on Sunday, May 15, in the afternoon. The service was an inspiring one. The procession of the officiating clergymen, and the officers of the church bearing the pulpit and lectern bibles and the altar vessels, entered the church as the liturgical worship began, the worship being conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. Armand Miller, at the head of the procession. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Dean of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. The act of consecration was performed by Rev. W. F. Bacher, president of the Synod of New York and New England, who also delivered an address. Rev. J. I. Miller, D.D., of Summit, N. J., Rev. F. C. Krapf of Elizabeth, N. J., and Rev. Paul G. Krutzky of New Rochelle, N. Y., participated in the service. The first service in the new building was held in the morning, when Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D., editor of *The Lutheran* and former pastor of Holy Trinity, was to have preached the sermon, but was prevented from doing so by ill health. The festal services were continued on Monday evening, when addresses were delivered by Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D., and Rev. F. B. Clausen, on Tuesday evening with Rev. D. W. Peterson, and Rev. F. H. Knubel as speakers, and concluded on Wednesday evening with a "layman's service," at which addresses were delivered by Hon. Charles A. Schieren of Brooklyn, Mr. E. F. Eilert, A.M., editor of the REVIEW, and Mr. I. Searles Runyon, president of the Luther League of New York City. In a future issue the REVIEW hopes to publish a description of the building with views and a report of the church's activities.

— On Sunday, May 22, the new house of worship of Emanuel Lutheran Church, 137th street and Brown place, Bronx, was consecrated. The service was held in the afternoon and addresses were made by Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., pastor of St. James Church, New York, and president of the New York and New Jersey Synod, with which Emanuel Church is connected, and by Rev. A. S. Hartman, D.D., secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod. The act of consecration was performed by the pastor, Rev. A. Arthur King. Rev. J. G. M. Ketner and Rev. J. Fred. W. Kitzmeyer also assisted in the exercises. One of the features of the occasion was the assumption by the congregation of the interest on the whole of the mortgage debt of the church, amounting to $20,000. Only the basement of the church is completed and the congregation will use it for all purposes for the present.

— Bethany Lutheran Church, Teasdale place, near Third avenue, Bronx, on Wednesday evening, May 25, tendered the new pastor, Rev. William Freas, Jr., a reception.

— Rev. Fred. Bosch of Brooklyn has accepted the unanimous call extended to him to become the pastor of St. Paul's Church, West 123d street, as successor of Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., the newly elected president of Muhlenberg College.

— Rev. William H. Hetrick has been elected pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Rochester avenue and Herkimer street, Brooklyn, and will assume his duties on Sunday, June 5. On Tuesday evening following the congregation will tender him a reception.

— Rev. C. Armand Miller, pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity, has recently been appointed a member of the Board of Managers of the American Tract Society.

— The June meeting of the New York Lutheran Ministers' Association will be held on Monday, June 20, in the Y. M. C. A. parlor, Second avenue, near Ninth street. The Rev. I. Tollefsen of West New Brighton, Staten Island, will read a paper on "The Conditions of Membership in Our American Lutheran Churches." The Rev. C. G. Fischer of Elizabeth, N. J., will open the discussion.

— An order has been placed with the Meneely Bell Company for a bell which the Wartburg children are to present for the tower of the new church now building at the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School, near Mt. Vernon, upon which the following inscription will be cast: "Wartburg Gloecklein. Grati liberi-Almæ matri. A. D. 1904." Apparently this is the season for gift bells, as the same firm has just delivered a very large bell to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fifty-fourth street and Lexington avenue, which is inscribed as the gift of the Sunday schools and the Young Ladies' Society.

Philadelphia

— The Church of the Atonement celebrated June 5 the eleventh anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. W. L. Stough.

— The Philadelphia *Press* of May 16 publishes an article on Rev. Charles L. Fry, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church and Literary Secretary of the Luther League of America. The article pays a warm compliment to Mr. Fry as a preacher and an active worker in reform movement. It also gives his view of the Bible and the negative criticism.

— St. Peter's German congregation, West Philadelphia, Rev. P. J. Hoh, pastor, has fallen heir to a bequest of $4500 from the estate of the late Chas. Mueller, a former member.

— St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside, a suburb, was dedicated on Sunday, April 24. Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk preached the dedicatory sermon; Rev. S. D. Daugherty, Missionary Superintendent, took part in the service, and the pastor, Rev. Arthur Bredenbek, conducted the dedication.

— Rev. Luther De Yoe, after a successful pastorate of 12 years in Messiah Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, has accepted a call to Trinity Church, Germantown. He will succeed Rev. Dr. Luther E. Albert, who has been pastor of Trinity for more than 50 years, and retires on account of advancing age.

Chicago

— Recently Grace Lutheran Church took a subscription to pay the church debt and the sum of nearly $10,000 was secured in one evening.

Baltimore

— Trinity Church, Rev. E. E. Ide, pastor, has let the contract for a new church building to cost $30,000.

Washington

— Rev. C. F. Bergner preached his first sermon as pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church, April 17. On the evening of the 19th a reception

was tendered him by the congregation, and on the 31st he was installed.

— Rev. W. E. Parson, D.D., celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of the Church of the Reformation, on Sunday, May 15.

Buffalo

— A new pipe organ was consecrated, April 27, in the Church of the Atonement, Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, pastor. The Luther League contributed $50 toward the purchase.

Detroit

— During the year just past the church served by Rev. A. Homrighaus has added to the congregation 136 members and has erected new buildings at a cost of $30,000.

Dayton

— The corner-stone of the new Trinity Church was laid on the Sunday after Ascension.

Omaha

— A lot was recently purchased by the Zion congregation on which it expects to erect a church in the near future.

— Rev. Ernest Pihlblad was recently elected president of Bethany College, at Lindsborg, Kan. He succeeds the late Dr. Swensson. He was born in Kansas City, and was one of the first students to graduate from Bethany. After attending Yale University he was appointed to a professorship at his alma mater, and seven years ago was elected vice-president. As an intimate friend of Dr. Swensson and familiar with his projects, friends of the institution expect that Dr. Pihlblad will make Bethany the great Southwestern educational institution planned by its founder, Dr. Swensson.—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

— An effort is being made to erect a Martin Luther house at Chautauqua, N. Y.

— The dedication of the Oesterlen Orphans' Home at Springfield, Ohio, will take place on the afternoon of June 9 next.

— The Tressler Orphans' Home, at Loysville, Pa., is at present caring for 189 orphan children. It costs more than $100 a year to clothe, feed, educate and furnish a home for each child.

— Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hoboken, N. J., the Rev. Chas. McDaniel, pastor, has purchased a valuable piece of property at 204 Tenth street, with a house situated upon it that will serve temporarily as a chapel and parsonage. Pastor McDaniel is president of the Luther League of New Jersey.

Let me, then, be always growing,
Never, never standing still;
Listening, learning, better knowing
Thee and Thy most blessed will.
Till I reach Thy holy place,
Daily let me grow in grace.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

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The cover is handsome and striking, printed in colors, and the book contains several maps, presenting the exact routes over which tickets are sold. The book is profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery at the various resorts and along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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The undersigned will, upon request, furnish free of charge all the blanks required for State, District and Local reports. Let us have the hearty, enthusiastic co-operation of all, and we shall accomplish a most important work, and we shall all feel good over the result.

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NEW YORK

New York City District

— The next regular meeting of the District League will be held at the First Church, Mt. Vernon, Rev. James Berg, pastor, on Monday evening, June 27. The delegates and their friends from the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx will go to Mt. Vernon by trolley cars chartered for the occasion. An effort is being made to send a full delegation from New York to the national and State League conventions at Buffalo, and a party to travel together is being made up. I. S. Runyon, 136 W. 112th street, is chairman of the Local Committee on Transportation.

— On Thursday evening, May 27, the Luther League of St. James Church, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., pastor, held its annual meeting, electing the following officers: Pres., I. Searles Runyon; vice-pres., Albert C. Wieckers; rec. sec., Miss Louise Metz; cor. sec., George Briner, 19 East Ninety-eighth street; treas., Miss Mabel Remensnyder. The League continues its yearly contribution to the church of payment of the interest on $1000 of the church debt.

— The annual meeting of Holy Trinity Luther League, Rev. C. Armand Miller, pastor, was held on May 10, and the following officers were elected: pres., Mr. William Gaskell, Jr.; vice-pres., Mr. Walter V. Doscher; rec. sec., Mr. F. B. Engler; cor. sec., Miss M. Achenbach, 169 West Ninety-second street; treas., Miss A. Siemer. The annual Easter offering this year was devoted to the hospital at Rajahmundry, India.

Brooklyn District

— At a meeting of the Brooklyn District Luther League, held on Tuesday evening, May 3, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Cumberland street, near De Kalb avenue, Rev. A. Stimle, pastor, the following officers were elected: Pres., Frederick L. Rath; first vice-pres., Henry Arfmann; sec. vice-pres., Henry Ziegeler; third vice-pres., Dedrich Meyerholz; rec. sec., Paul Erbrecht, Jr.; cor. sec., Miss Minnie Schmidt; treas., Joseph C. Hecker, Jr. The president also appointed the standing committees, and steps were taken toward strengthening the District League and increasing its membership.

Rhinebeck District

— The Rhinebeck District Luther League met in convention Tuesday, May 3, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Manorton, Rev. W. H. Stutts, pastor. President James M. Reynolds called the first session to order. Greetings were extended by Rev. Stutts, and were responded to by Geo. L. Snyder of Rondout. One new society was added to the District League, the Luther League of Poughkeepsie. The addresses for the afternoon were "One and One Make Two," by Rev. John J. Dominic, Gloversville, and "The Dignity of the Gospel Ministry," by Rev. Geo. G. Whitbeck, Valatie. Following this all the societies represented were given two minutes for reports, which made the remainder of the afternoon session a very helpful one. The newly elected officers are: Pres., John M. Shook, Hudson; rec. sec., Miss Brink, Viewmont; cor. sec., Miss Libbie Hiltebrandt, Rondout; treas., Mr. Grant Van Hoosen, Athens. The evening session was presided over by President Shook. The address by Rev. Luther M. Kuhns was greatly enjoyed by all present.

— The Luther League of St. John's Church, Hudson, Rev. Paul W. Koller, pastor, gave an entertainment Thursday evening, May 26, in the church parlors, the proceeds of which are to be used toward defraying the expense of frescoing the church.

Albany District

— The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Albany, held its annual meeting on April 26. The following officers were elected: Pres., Frederick W. Schwartz; vice-pres., Miss Minnie D .Lehman; sec., Miss May Stafford; treas., Carl H. Hahn. The League will this year, as has been the custom for some years, hold a reception in honor of the newly confirmed members of the church. At these receptions the older members become acquainted with the young members and spend a pleasant evening together. If the weather is pleasant the reception will be held on the parsonage lawn. On May 2 the League held a rally in the church to which all the Leagues in the vicinity were invited. The address of President Reynolds of the State League was appreciated by a large congregation. The adddress of Rev. L. M. Kuhns was a masterly effort and well worth going a long distance to hear.—F. W. SCHWARTZ.

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Buffalo District

— The annual meeting of the Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Rev. F. A. Kähler, D.D., pastor, was held in the League's parlors on Monday, May 9. The attendance was large and the annual reports showed that the League is in a very prosperous condition. It has at present 122 members and raised during the past year $442. During the winter months seven literary meetings were held, when the lives of Old Testament characters were studied. A reception is being arranged to be given the Rev. Wolters of Utica, who is going as the Buffalo League's missionary to India. A yachting party is to be given in July. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Mr. C. Oliver Schaefer; vice-pres., Mr. Alfred O. Bald; sec., Miss Bertha E. Weber; treas., Miss Emma C. R. Reiser.

NEW JERSEY

— The Luther League of St. John's Church, Newark, Rev. O. E. Braune, pastor, is arranging to purchase an electric motor, to cost about $250, to provide motive power for the organ.

— On Sunday evening, May 15, the Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, held a devotional study of the Communion Service. Mr. Clarence Kline, the president, was the leader. Papers were read by Messrs. Fred. Mader and William Poffroth and Miss Mayme Burkeman. On Friday evening, May 27, a pleasant time was spent by many of the members on a trolley ride to Eagle Rock and Crystal Lake.

— Mr. Emil Fischer, a senior of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., won first prize in the Bussing contest in extemporaneous speaking by members of the senior class, held on May 11. Mr. Fischer is also one of the orators for commencement. He is the son of Rev. C. G. Fischer of Elizabeth, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia District

— The spring convention of the Philadelphia District Luther League will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Powelton avenue, east of Fortieth street, West Philadelphia, on Tuesday evening, June 7, at 8 o'clock. The topic for discussion, "The Successful League," will be introduced by Rev. H. E. Clare.

—The Young People's Union of All Saints' Lutheran Church, Rev. H. E. Clare, pastor, was recently reorganized as a Luther League.

Pittsburgh District

—The twenty-fourth convention of the Pittsburgh District Luther League was held in Grace Lutheran Church, Tarentum, the Rev. E. O. Graham, pastor, Tuesday, May 10. At the first session the devotional service was conducted by the Rev. G. B. Weaver of Allegheny. The Rev. E. O. Graham extended the greetings to the convention, and the president, Rev. J. M. Guss, A. M., of Etna responded. The report of the statistical secretary showed the number of societies in the district to be 33—of which 29 reported—and the number of members, 1156. The chairman of the Extension Committee made a report, showing good work done by the committee and presenting for membership the names of four societies—Young People's Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Monaca; Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Baldwin Township; Junior Luther League, First Church, Duquesne; Junior Luther League, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Allegheny. The Committee of Arrangements for the State Convention reported the work fairly started. The Topics for discussion followed, the general theme being "Our Societies." The first paper on "Devotional Meetings, Purpose and Character," was read by Mr. Lewis S. G. Miller of Allegheny. In this paper and the general discussion which followed, some very good suggestions were made as to the manner of conducting these meetings. The Luther League Topics were generally favored for study and the Luther League Hymnal for the services. The second paper on "The Work—Purpose and Character," was given by one of the younger members of the League, Miss Lillie Elliott of Tarentum. This was an excellent paper, the principal points brought out being that the members should personally enter into parish work and give assistance in every possible way for the work of missions. General discussion followed. The third paper, on "Does it Reach and Properly Develop the Young People?" was given by the Rev. W. Ira Guss of Duquesne. He said that the League should develop the young people spiritually, intellectually and socially, which it does when properly conducted. Among the points brought out in the general discussion were that the leaders should not be indolent and indifferent, but thoroughly awake, and should put forth every possible effort to make the meetings interesting to all, and that the members should take active part in the general discussions. At the last convention, each society was asked to bring before its members the subject of getting young men to enter the ministry, and at this convention those societies which had not done this were urged to take up the subject. The session closed with prayer by the Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., of Allegheny. During the intermission the members of Grace Church served an excellent luncheon. The second session opened with the Vesper Service conducted by the Rev. W. H. Fehr of Pittsburgh. The only speaker of the evening was the Rev. C. H. Hemsath of Washington, Pa., who gave a happy and exceedingly interesting address on Porto Rico, in which he described the beauties and richness of the island and the habits of the people. The Lutheran Choral Union had charge of the musical portion of the programme. Before adjourning, a special committee recommended that each society give $1 to make up apportionment

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of the District League for the expenses of the General Secretary, same to be paid before October 1. The next convention will be held in Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D., pastor. The convention was interesting and instructive, and was thought to have been one of the best attended ever held.

— The Parish and Mission Society of the First English Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., pastor, recently elected the following officers: Albert W. Smith, pres.; Chas. W. Fuhr, vice-pres.; Miss Hattie J. Fuhr, sec.; E. B. Barry, treas.; Miss Bertie Barry, organist. The Sunday evening devotional meetings recently begun have thus far met with decided success.

— On April 24 the Junior Luther League of the First Lutheran Church, Duquesne, Rev. W. Ira, Guss, pastor, was organized with a membership of 25.

— The Junior Luther League of Grace Lutheran Church, Allegheny, Rev. G. I. Lenker, pastor, has started a sewing school for its members.

Upper Lehigh Valley and Northeastern Districts

— A joint convention of the Upper Lehigh Valley and Northeastern districts was held Tuesday, May 10, in Christ Lutheran Church, Hazleton. A separate session of each district League was held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The Northeastern District League elected the following officers: Mr. P. W. Banker, pres.; Mr. William Good, vice-pres.; Miss Anna Creter, cor. sec.; Mr. William Hagerty, rec. sec.; Miss Frances Kantner, treas.; Mr. Romeo Miller, stat. sec. Mr. Banker was elected delegate to the State convention at Pittsburgh and the national convention at Buffalo.

— The first joint convention of the Upper Lehigh Valley and Northeastern District Luther Leagues was held in Christ Lutheran Church, Hazleton, Rev. J. O. Schlenker, pastor, May 10, 11, 1904. The church was very tastefully decorated with palms, flowers and Luther League colors and presented a very pretty appearance. The opening services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Beates of Wilkes-Barre, who acted as chairman of the convention. The pastor, *loci*, extended a very cordial welcome to the delegates and pastors, and the district presidents, Rev. A. O. Ebert and Mr. P. Walter Banker responded. The subject for discussion was "Luther League Work: *a*, Its Progress," presented by Mr. R. W. Bobst, Lansford; *b*, "Its Undeveloped Resources," by Miss Bertha Cordes, Mauch Chunk; *c*, "Its Weakness," by Mr. Robert Kunkle, Kresgeville. Devotional service of the afternoon session was conducted by Rev. W. P. Barr. The subject, "Institutions of the Church," was presented in four excellent and comprehensive papers: *a*, "Educational," by Rev. J. H. Kuder; *b*, "Benevolent," by Miss Minnie Wiegand; *c*, "Diaconate," by Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D.; *d*, "The Result of These to the Church," by Rev. E. F. Ritter. The evening session opened with devotional service by Rev. W. C. L. Lauer. Rev. J. J. Kuntz presented the subject, "The Bible." Rev. J. F. Beates spoke on "Lutheran Opportunities in the West." The offering of the evening, $17.45, was devoted to Foreign Missions. After the evening service a reception was held in the Sunday school room. After the Wednesday morning devotions, conducted by Rev. J. F. Bruch, each District League held a separate business session. The U. L. V. District elected the following officers: Pres., Rev. M. B. Schmoyer; vice-pres., Rev. J. H. Kuder; sec., Miss Grace A. Lauer; treas., Mr. Wm. Ripple; stat. sec., Rev. A. C. Wuchter. The following persons were elected delegates to the national convention to be held in Buffalo: Mr. Charles Brighthaupt, Miss Grace A. Lauer; to the State Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Rev. J. O. Schlenker, Mr. Wm. Ripple. The U. L. V. District League will run an excursion to Topton Orphans' Home in August. The fall convention will be held at Freeland. Grace A. Lauer, secretary.

Berks County District

— The spring convention of the District Luther League of Berks County was held in St. James' Lutheran Church, Reading, April 21. The attendance of delegates and Luther League workers was unusually large, and it was in every respect the most successful convention in the history of the Berks District League. Every League in the county was represented, many of them by full delegations. In addition to the delegates, many others active in Luther League work were present and participated in the exercises. The business sessions of the convention were held in the chapel of the church, which was prettily decorated with the League colors and emblem and festoons of purple and white. The reading rooms of the League were open all day and were largely visited and much admired by the visitors. The morning session opened at 10 o'clock with devotional services conducted by the pastor of St. James, the Rev. Dr. M. C. Horine, who also extended a cordial and hearty welcome to all visitors on behalf of the Luther League of the church. A fitting response was made by President Fred. A. Marx. At the afternoon session the first topic for discussion was "True Morality," presented in an interesting paper by Rev. H. C. Kline of Hamburg. A paper on the "Salzburgers," written by Miss Katharine G. Armstrong, was read by Miss Anna M. Keener. A very interesting paper on "Woman's Work in the Church," was presented by Miss Mary E. Spohn. At the evening session the vesper service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Horine, and a comprehensive and instructive address on "The Differences in Belief Be-

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tween Our Church and Sister Denominations," was delivered by Rev. A. M. Weber of Boyertown. Following this service an informal reception was tendered the delegates and visitors.

— Thursday evening, May 19, the Luther League of Grace Church celebrated its tenth anniversary. The president of the League, C. C. Esterly, conducted the services. Rev. W. H. Myers, the pastor, spoke on "Leagues and the Relation They Bear to the Church and Church Work." Miss Martha Lincoln read a historical sketch of the League. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Rev. G. C. Loos, Philadelphia, on "The Luther League As An Element of Applied Christianity." This was followed by short addresses by the president of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, A. Raymond Bard, and the president of the District League of Berks, Fred. A. Marks, Esq. The service was followed by a social session.

— The members of the Luther League and the young people of Hope Lutheran congregation, Reading, at a recent meeting discussed plans for the raising of funds for the purchase of the furniture for the new church, which they pledged themselves to pay.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

— The Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, visited the Luther League of St. Mark's Church in South Washington, Rev. J. Luther Frantz, pastor, recently. Mr. Harry R. Fellinger, the president of the League, had arranged a suitable programme, and invited the Leagues of St. John's and Zion's Lutheran churches to unite with St. Mark's, to meet the Secretary and hear an address from him on the work of the League throughout the country.

OHIO

Springfield District

— The third semiannual convention of the Springfield District Luther League was held Friday afternoon and evening, April 29, at the Fifth Church, Springfield, Rev. Harvey Lawrence, pastor. Delegates were present from the Fourth and Calvary churches, Wittenberg, Y. M. C. A., Urbana, Xenia, St. Paris and other surrounding towns. The programme for the afternoon consisted of two papers: the first, "The Possibilities of the Luther League," by Mr. Charles Bauslin of Wittenberg College; the second, "The Responsibility of the Luther League," by Miss Mabel Prince; a solo by Mr. C. C. Roof of Wittenberg, and an address on "The Luther League and Missions," by the Rev. Dr. Probst of Columbus. In the evening the church was filled. The Rev. Dr. Ort of Wittenberg College delivered a very fine lecture on Gustavus Adolphus. The church choir furnished the music for the evening.

Lima District

— The second convention of the Lima District Luther League was held on April 21, afternoon and evening, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Middlepoint, Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph.D., pastor. The meeting was a good one and the local congregation deserves all thanks for their interest in the work and attention to the visiting delegates. After the preliminaries and greetings from all the Leagues, Rev. I. D. Worman of Van Wert was elected president; Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph.D., vice-pres.; Miss Ella Swartout, sec., and Miss Maud Ferguson, treas. At the evening session Rev. C. S. Ernsberger, D.D., Rev. C. H. Eckhardt, and Hon. I. S. Motter made addresses. Rev. I. D. Worman, Hon. I. S. Motter and Dr. Ernsberger were elected delegates to the convention of the Luther League of America.

INDIANA

— The catechetical class of the Second English Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Rev. C. E. Derr, pastor, decided to organize a Luther League. The meeting for organization, attended by many young people of the church, was held on April 10. The following officers were elected: Pres., August Mueller; vice-pres., George Mathy; rec. sec., Elenora Seitz; cor. sec., Lottie Winterroud; treas., Bernice Martin. Thera are 26 charter members enrolled. On the evening of May 15 the League was addressed by Rev. A. O. Becker, missionary to India. A lawn social was held on the church lawn on Wednesday evening, June 1. There is great interest shown in the new society, and the pastor is working earnestly for its success.

ILLINOIS

Chicago District

— On Monday evening, May 16, the semiannual convention of the Luther League of Chicago was held in St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Hirsch street and Fairfield avenue, Rev. L. Harrisville, pastor. The meeting was a very large and enthusiastic one. The Luther League Hymnal was used. An address on "Closing the Chasm, or Our Inner Mission Problem," was delivered by Rev. P. W. Roth of Elgin. Mr. M. C. Olson and Rev. Luther M. Kuhns spoke to the subject "The Next Convention of the Luther League of America." Rev. C. O. Solberg addressed the Leaguers on "The Coming Illinois Convention." After the session a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served.

Fox River Valley District

— The Fox River Valley District Luther League, North, held its second quarterly meeting in Geneva, May 17. Geneva is the home of State President Rev. Carl Christenson, and his church is the largest and handsomest in the city. Rev. Alfred Ostram of Aurora, president of the District League, conducted the worship, and Rev. J. Mellander of St. Charles read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. P. W. Roth of Elgin offered prayer. The speaker for the evening was Rev. L. M. Kuhns, General Secretary of the Luther League of America. His text was: "Lord, what will Thou have me to do?" He impressed upon all, as an answer, the cause of missions and the Luther League as a working factor in the Church. The address was very instructive and impressive. The Executive Committee was authorized to appoint delegates to the State and national conventions. Several high class musical numbers were provided by local talent under the direction of Miss Wistrand, organist of the church. After the service in the church the local League served refreshments in the church parlors. The meeting was a grand success. About 600 people were present. The offering amounted to $21.

IOWA

— On Thursday evening, May 19, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary, addressed the Luther League at Dubuque. Rev. Kuhns held the closest attention of his audience, and his address was very much enjoyed by the many young people present. Rev. Dr. Saddtler introduced the speaker, and President Geo. F. Unmacht delivered an address. The League is in a very flourishing and prosperous condition, having a membership of 128. It is a member of the Illinois State League. At present it is

devoting all its means and attention to improving the interior of the church. The officers of the League are as follows: Pres., Geo. F. Unmacht; sec., Miss Pauline Luz; treas., Miss Bertha Litcher; vice-pres., George Beier.

WISCONSIN

Dane County District

— The District Luther League of Dane County held its tenth annual convention in Bethel Lutheran Church at Madison, May 6 to 8, inclusive. At the first session, on Friday evening, an address of welcome was delivered by L. A. Anderson, president of the Madison League, and a response was made by Rev. H. H. Holte of Mt. Horeb, president of the District League. A paper on the "History of the Augsburg Confession" was read by Otto Dahle of Mt. Horeb, and a paper giving "A Summary of the Teachings of the Augsburg Confession" was contributed by Miss Hannah Barron of Stoughton. The reports of officers and committees on Saturday morning gave evidence of growth in numbers and interest in the work throughout the district. Among the activities is the support of a native missionary in Madagascar, for which purpose $60 had been contributed in two years. The following officers were elected: Pres., F. J. Vea of Stoughton; vice-pres., Otto Dahle of Mt. Horeb; rec. sec., Miss Tillie Nelson of Madison; cor. sec., Miss Hannah Barron of Stoughton; treas., Mrs. Edel Gleason of Mt. Horeb. Saturday afternoon was devoted to the report of the Extension Committee, and discussion of the extension work, and in the evening a social meeting was held. On Sunday morning there was regular worship, with sermon by Rev. J. A. Aasgaard of De Forest. In the evening the cantata, "The Fatherhood of God," was sung by a chorus of 30 voices. The convention closed another year of successful work and the members felt more strongly than ever the importance of the Luther League movement. On Wednesday evening, May 11, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Secretary of the Luther League of America, addressed the Luther League of Bethel Church, Madison. It is needless to say that by his forceful eloquence and amiable conduct he made many friends both for himself and the Luther League work. It was deeply regretted that he could not have been present at the convention.—L. A. Anderson.

— On Friday evening, May 13, a Luther League, with 19 charter members, was organized in the new Lutheran Church of the Advent, Cedarburg. This is the first Young People's Society in the city, and the outlook is promising for a large, active League. The congregation was organized the evening before by Rev. A. C. Anda. Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., of Milwaukee, preached the sermon, appropriate to the day, "The Ascension of Our Lord." Student C. A. Dennig of the Theological Seminary, Chicago, has charge of the congregation this summer.

MINNESOTA

Twin City District

— The twelfth semiannual convention of the Twin City District Luther League was held in East Emanuel Norwegian Lutheran Church, St. Paul, April 25. Rev. T. J. Knutsen welcomed the delegates, and President A. T. Lagerstrom responded on behalf of the District League. Reports were submitted by the president and chairman of the Visiting Committee. Two new societies were received into membership, making a total of 15 societies, with a membership of over 500. At the afternoon session two papers were read, and followed by an interesting discussion. They were as follows: "Home Missions," by Mr. N. N. Ronning; "A Leaguer's Prayers," by Rev. Frank S. Beistel. The paper on "Home Missions" dealt with the conditions locally and the necessity of keeping our Lutheran young people in the Church. The remainder of the day was taken to transact business. At the evening session the address was on "A Leaguer's Difficulties, and How to Meet Them," delivered by the Rev. Frank E. Jensen of Lindstrom. "Our greatest battles are fought in our own hearts with our love of worldly pleasures, which keeps us from church attendance; our lack of firmness and other weaknesses. The restrain of church, guided and directed by love, is objectionable to the young at first, but age shows us its necessity. All progress is conditioned by labor. But all things are possible to him who has faith. Too many use the Church and League as a football, always kicking at them and making work difficult. Why not pick it up and carry it to the goal?" The convention was preceded by a rally meeting held April 4, Rev. Harrisville of Chicago speaking on "Identifications of a Successful Leaguer." Edna B. Rahn.

SOUTH DAKOTA

— The Luther League of South Dakota held its seventh annual convention at Brookings, S. D., on May 24, 25 and 26. A successful convention was held, successful both in point of attendance and interest manifested. Rev. C. O. Solberg of Chicago, Ill., was present, and by his excellent address and many helpful words spoken in the discussions of the papers read there, added much toward making the convention an inspiration to the delegates and visitors. The convention keynote was "Consecration and Co-operation," which was discussed in several papers. A full report will be given in the next number.

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